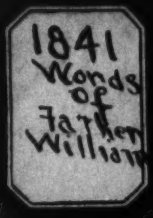

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The word of the Lord God, who ruleth over Heaven and Earth; who, by his Almighty Power, judgeth all things accor— ding to his own righteous will and judgement.

Read from his Book of Holy Judgements Law, By a holy Angel of divine Light, Power and Wisdom, from his Eternal Throne.

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Words of Father William to the Writer.

Arise, O thou chosen Instrument, and in the fear of God, and that holy anointing power which thou has received from thy holy Lead, write the words which the Holy Angel is about to read.

Write it correctly; alter not one word. Bow low thy spirit, and let thy mortal hand move in strict obedience to God's will; then shalt thou receive his blessing.

Words read by the Holy Angel of divine Light, Power and Wisdom, from the Eternal Throne of God.

O ye inhabetents of Zion upon earth! ye who speak the name of God; ye who offer up praises to his holy name; listen to the word of the Lord your God, who dwelleth on high, who ruleth Heaven and earth, who knoweth and judgeth all things, to the endless ages of eternity.

Hear ye, O hear ye my word: for my word I speak;

my law I give; my will I do;
my work I finish. I am
the Lord your God. I am
that I am, and alter not.
Therefore, ye inhabitents of
Zion, fear and tremble
before my Almighty power.
O ye vain mortals!
How dare ye judge my work?
How dare ye judge the word
that I speak unto you?
Know ye that judgement
is mine, and I will repay
with a righteous judgement;
for I am the Lord your God,
who sleep not, but diligently
search the hearts of my
people.

And ye who heed not my word; ye who heed not the solemn warnings of your God, but still abide in your own natural reasonings and judgement; beware, O beware! lest ye fall victims to my wrath, and are smitten by a stroke of my Almighty hand. For the long forbearance, the long charity and mercy of your God will have an end. Ye who dig deep to hide from mine eyes the wickedness and abominations of your hands and hearts; ye who bring

not to light your evil ways and doings, in presence of my chosen witnesses; remember, I the Lord your God, mark you with a mark of my wrath and indignation; and whether it be in time or in eternity, ye shall, sooner or later, suffer the vengence of my Almighty power, and feel the rod of my truth and justice.

O ye children of my Zion! ye who inhabit the dwellings that have been consecrated to the Lord your God; long have

I seen the crooked and deceitful workings of your hearts, in striving to cover from mine eyes, and hide from my chosen witnesses, your secret abominations and willful transgressions of my holy and sacred Laws.

Long, yea long have I the Lord your God, seen that holy and sacred order of confessing sins in the presence of my chosen witnesses, slighted and trampled upon, by the deceitful, wicked and unclean, that inhabit

the holy dwellings of my people. Yea, times and times, repeatedly, have I seen the hypocrite, with a lying tongue, come in my presence, before my chosen witnesses, and thus treat that holy and sacred order that I have given, whereby all souls are to find salvation from sin, and be owned and accepted by me their God in Heaven.

Therefore I do speak my word unto you, and send unto you my holy Law, in regard to that

holy and sacred order of confessing sin. And if ye give heed thereunto, then I will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

Hear ye, therefore, O ye chosen people, my statutes and my laws! I am the Lord your God, the God of Heaven and earth, and above me there is none. And thus shall it be.

All ye indwellers of my Zion, and all ye that have been called by my sacred gospel, and have received faith and understanding thereof; if by

the powers of the Evil One
ye are overcome, and do
commit sin, or willfully
transgress and break any
of the sacred laws given
for my chosen people;
then shall ye come
before me your God, in
presence of my Witness-
es, and bow your spirits
and lay your bodies low,
even to the dust, and
there bring to light the
sin or sins ye have
committed, one by one, and
even the time and
place wherein they were
committed.

Then shall ye humbly ask the mercy and favor of the Lord your God, and of these my witnesses. And if ye possess a broken heart, a heart of true repentance, then shall these my witnesses speak words of comfort unto you, and the sin shall be forgiven you.

But if ye possess not a heart of true repentance, then shall ye go your way, and labor in deep tribulation of soul, untill ye have gained that measure which

will enable you to see the depth of your loss.

Hearken, O Harken yet again; for my word is not finished; and I the Lord you God, see not as man seeth. And my word endureth forever and ever, and altereth not.

Therfore hear ye my word. One day in each year, shall ye consecrate and wholly devote to this, the sacred and holy order of the Lord your God, in cleansing your hands and purifying your hear to from all that defileth my

holy sanctuary, and every thing that is offensive in my sight.

Ye shall rise at the fourth hour in the morning, and on the fifth hour ye shall meet together in your places of holy worship; ye shall bow low as ye enter, and there in humble prayer and fervant supplication shall ye beseech the Lord your God to draw nigh with his arm of protection.

Ye shall perform no labor with your hands, save that which is really

necessary and needful.

Ye shall not frequent the places of your temporal employment; but ye shall gather together in your dwellings, and there diligently search your hearts, and prepare yourselves to give a correct account to the Lord your God, in the presence of my chosen witnesses, of all your ways and doings.

Ye shall eat not but pure bread, which by mine own hand was given for the main support of mortality;

and ye shall drink nought but pure water, which flows from the fountain of my blessing.

And if it be on your Lords day, which is the first day, ye shall not assemble to go forth in any manner of sacred worship; but ye may gather together in your sacred places, and sound forth in solemn prai see in songs of prayer and supplication to your God, the sincere and devoted feelings of your souls.

And ye shall see that those blessings with

which ye are blest for my
brutal creation, are dealt
unto them prudently and
sparingly. And it shall
be a day of holiness unto
the Lord your God. Even
I your heavenly Father
will draw nigh unto my
people.

Then shall ye come
in my presence, before
my chosen witnesses,
and expose every secret
thought, word and action,
that is offensive in my
sight, according to my
word, and as I have given
in my Law.

But if ye have not sinned, nor willfully transgressed any of my sacred laws, then go ye before my witnesses, and humbly ask their blessing, and there make known the true state of your soul, excpesing every wrong and careless transgression, and all that brings condemnation upon the soul.

Then shall ye receive that flow of my blessing and power that will enable you to feel deep tribulation for other souls yet bound in sin.

And on the following
day, at the fifth hour in
the morning, shall ye
again assemble together
in the holy places where
ye meet to worship the Lord
your God, and offer up
praises and thanksgiving
to my holy and Eternal
Name, for the way and
means which, in my
Eternal Wisdom, I have
provided for all souls to
find redemption from
sin, and again find ac=
ceptance by Me, their
Holy Eternal God, the
Creator of all.

And now, O ye people!
ye have heard my word
and my Law; and if ye
give heed thereunto,
well shall it be with
you, in the days of my mig=
hty judgements which
hasteneth on upon the
wicked.

O ye Holy Anointed,
my chosen Ones! This my
word I have finished, and
this I send unto
you; and by that holy
power and judgement
which ye have, judge ye
this my word. And as
ye, in your wisdom see

fit, do ye even with
this my word.

I am the Lord your
God, and ye abide in
my love and blessing.

Amen.